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1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-2, 4, 9-14, 16 and 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Olson in view of Cunningham et al.

Olson discloses a radio frequency management system for reallocation of radio spectrum comprising frequency reallocating means for reassign temporarily radio spectrum from a wireless communication network and means 302 for causing portable radio control signals to change their operating frequency and protocol to permit the devices to communicate over the temporarily assigned radio spectrum. Also disclosed by the portable devices is a frequency agile radio transceiver 232 for operating between different networks, a "protocol agile" operating circuit 302, 307, 308 for operating the frequency agile transceiver in accordance with one of the protocols as determined by a protocol control signal from 304 and adaptive control means for accessing the selected network. Olson does not disclose the system containing capacity detection means for generating a frequency request to reassign the temporary radio spectrum. However, such

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a technique is common as shown by Cunningham et al. He discloses a system in which channels, or radio spectrum, is temporarily "reassigned" based in response to a maximum capacity detection. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to apply this channel reassigning technique of Cunningham et al to the system of Olson for the simple purpose of acquiring a more efficient system. As to the use of a digital interface and a modem for interconnecting the transceiver with external devices, such as a facsimile device, such a technique is well known in the art and therefore would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art in order to provide the user with increased versatility.

As to the protocol agile portable radio specifically changing the radio frequency modulation protocol, since Olson discloses the changing form one system "protocol" to another, then it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to also change the modulation protocol since one would want to properly adjust its transmission parameters for proper communication.

3. Claims 3, 5-8, 15 and 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Olson in view of Cunningham et al as applied to claims 1-2, 4, 9-14, 16 and 21-22 above, and further in view of Bi et al.

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Olson and Cunningham et al both discloses everything claimed as explained above except for the selection of the network based on particular factors recited in claims 3-8. However, such criteria used to select between areas are common as shown by Gillig et al. He discloses a system in which a network is selected based on the cost of the system. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to apply this selection technique of Gillig et al to the modified system of Olson and Cunningham et al for the purpose of providing the user with the lowest cost available to the user. As to the other recited criteria, such factors would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art since one would want to provide a system that is more flexible to the user.

4. Claims 23-24 are allowed.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edward Urban whose telephone number is (703) 305-4385. The examiner can normally be reached on 305-4700 from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

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